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SUBJECT: IACHR VISIT: DISAPPEARANCE OF US CITIZENS

1. THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (IACHR) IS EXPECTED TO ISSUE A MAJOR REPORT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA AND PLANS TO VISIT ARGENTINA MAY 29-JUNE 6, 1979. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, TWO UNITED STATES CITIZENS, MS. DOLLY ANN HUNT AND MR. JON PEDEN ADDRESS WERE ABDUCTED IN MENDOZA AND BUENOS AIRES RESPECTIVELY DURING APRIL 1977. EMBASSY EFFORTS TO LOCATE THESE INDIVIDUALS AND HAVE THEM RELEASED HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO REPORT THAT IT HAS NO RECORD OF THE DETENTION OF EITHER PERSON OR INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR WHEREABOUTS.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THESE TWO AMERICAN CITIZEN CASES SHOULD BE CALLED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE IACHR AND THAT WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION OF THESE AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT [illegible] ITALY AND CHILE ARE SUBMITTING REPRESENTING INFORMATION TO THE IACHR REGARDING THEIR NATIONALS MISSING IN ARGENTINA. IF THE DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT A PRESENTATION OF THESE INFORMATION TO THE IACHR IS APPROPRIATE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DRAW ON

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3. BILLY LEE HUNT
DPOB: MAY 6, 1948, LEBANON, TENNESSEE
PPT: 300400 ISSUED MARCH 3, 1954, WASHINGTON, D.C.
ABDUCTED: APRIL 8, 1977, MENDOZA.
HUNT WAS PICKED UP IN DOWNTOWN MENDOZA BY UNIDENTIFIED MEN IN PLAIN CLOTHES ON APRIL 8, 1977. HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN HELD BY THE EIGHT ARMY BRIGADE AT THE MENDOZA PENITENTIARY. ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY REPLIED ON JANUARY 18, 1979 TO THE US EMBASSY'S LATEST INQUIRY ON MR. HUNT'S DETENTION THAT THE GOA HAS NO RECORD OF MR. HUNT'S ARREST OR INFORMATION ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS. THE FOREIGN OFFICE [illegible] GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTED THAT INQUIRIES PERTAINING MR. HUNT WERE MADE TO ARGENTINE THIRD ARMY AUTHORITIES IN MENDOZA, SPECIFICALLY TO JEFATURA III (G-3) PLANS AND OPERATIONS AND JEFATURA I (G-1) PERSONNEL.

4. JON PERMIN ARGUARENA
DPOB: JUNE 20, 1951, CARACAS, VENEZUELA
PPT: 2510275 ISSUED JANUARY 25, 1966, BUENOS AIRES
ABDUCTED: APRIL 30, 1977, CALLE ARIAS 1640, BUENOS AIRES
MR. ARGUARENA WAS ABDUCTED FROM HIS HOME IN BUENOS AIRES AT 10 AM, APRIL 30, 1977 BY FOUR UNIDENTIFIED ARMED MEN IN CIVILIAN DRESS. FAMILY BELIEVES THAT THE MEN WERE MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES. ARMED MEN STAYED AT THE ARGUARENA'S RESIDENCE FOR FOUR DAYS AND WAITED FOR ARGUARENA TO RETURN. WHEN HE DID NOT ON APRIL 30, THEY TOOK HIM AWAY TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION. MEMBERS OF ARGUARENA'S FAMILY
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WERE ALLOWED TO GO OUT TO SHOP BUT WERE INSTRUCTED NOT TO TELL ANYONE WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT THEIR HOME. ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY REPLIED ON JANUARY 18, 1979 TO THE US EMBASSY'S LATEST INQUIRY ON MR. ARGUARENA'S DETENTION THAT THE GOA HAS NO RECORD OF MR. ARGUARENA'S ARREST OR INFORMATION ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS. INQUIRIES IN THIS CASE WERE MADE WITH FEDERAL POLICE AUTHORITIES IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL AND IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, AND ALSO WITH THE

ARGENTINE ARMY.
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